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From the EDITOR'S DESK

Education in Balance

By Richard Moeller, '53

THE modern educational system not only aims to acquaint students with the conventional studies, but stresses the importance of participation in extra-curricular activities, in order to achieve for the student a fully balanced education.

The musical organizations, the sports teams, and the numerous other clubs build character. Their members learn the value of teamwork and the feeling of leadership and responsibility. They develop poise, self expression, and confidence in themselves, in addition to receiving factual knowledge in their respective fields. Finally, and very important, they get great satisfaction and enjoyment out of all they do.

One cannot be said to belong to an organization until he has worked for it. Likewise, a student cannot claim to belong to a school unless he has done something for it, and those who uphold the reputation of Pittsfield High School are the students who participate actively in the outside activities, those who promote, lead, and travel.

Members of Pittsfield High have coursed from New Hampshire to Utah, by way of Springfield and New York this year, making friends, winning honors, and maintaining the

high reputation of our school. In Springfield, the basketball team met champions in the Western Massachusetts tournament. There, too, the music department was represented in many of the solo positions of the Massachusetts All-State orchestra, band, and chorus. THE STUDENT'S PEN, again winning first place in its class, sent a delegation to New York to attend conferences of the Columbia Press Association. In New Hampshire, the ski team competed in the New England championships, and two of its members were selected to attend the Nationals in Utah. Many other achievements could be mentioned, and it would be found that almost all of them were gained as a result of an extra-curricular activity.

It should be the aim of all students, therefore, to become members of at least one extra-curricular group. Not only does such participation add points toward graduation, but it helps toward college acceptance, as these activities are given serious consideration in most higher educational institutions. Moreover, they provide opportunities for relaxation, enjoyment, and personality development which cannot be duplicated in strictly academic activities.

The Legend of the Sacred White Deer

By Toni Lincks, '56



THE dying rays of the sunset reflected in the shimmering waters of Lake Onota. The lingering glow fell on the careworn face of an old Indian brave leaning against a tall pine. His tired eyes gazed sadly across the still waters as his thoughts wandered back to a time many moons ago when he was a young lad. Softly the old brave began to speak.

"Oh, Lake of the Sacred White Deer, many moons have passed since I lived in this valley with my people. Then we hunted in the green forests and fished in your deep waters. Our corn grew tall and my people prospered. We young lads were taught, as far back as I can remember, that the cause of our tribe's prosperity was the pure white doe which came each evening to drink the clear water of Lake Onota. As long as she drank there our tribe would be safe from famine or pestilence, and our valley free from invaders. We all loved the graceful creature and often crept down to the water's edge to watch her.

"Then, oh Lake of the Sacred White Deer, it ended—our peaceful life. A paleface, Montalbert, came down from the northern land of Canada. He hoped to receive great reward

and honor by bringing the skin of this famous white doe back to his land. He would send it to the queen, and thus surely would be in store for a promotion. This Frenchman sought aid from Wondo, a treacherous brave. Wondo led him through the birch forests and tall green pines to the haunt of the snow-white deer. They hid in the brush by the waterside and waited.

"The sun sank down the sky until it was hidden behind the great Taconic Mountains. As the last gilded beams danced upon the sparkling waters, the beautiful doe stepped from the bushes and made her way to the water's edge. Her soft white coat glistened in the evening light as she stepped into the water and gracefully bent her slender neck downward to drink the cool clear liquid.

"Suddenly she lifted her head. Her body grew rigid as a warning breeze brought scent of the invaders. A tall shadow rose quickly from the brush. The startled creature leaped backwards, but before she could gain the security of the woods a sharp crack broke the stillness and the snow-white deer fell lifeless to the ground.

"We young braves, who had come to watch her, started up in anger. But, in fear, the old ones ordered us to return to the village. Mournfully we trudged back to our people carrying the news that our beloved deer was gone forever. Each of us knew in our hearts that the Great Father of Many Waters would avenge this death, and we were filled with dread.

"The sky grew pitch black. In the east an eerie crimson moon sailed upward into the blackness.

"Wondo fled in terror. Montalbert, on the other hand, rejoiced at his bloody deed. Filled with his good fortune, he made good speed toward Montreal. Alas for him! The Long Trail to Canada crossed many miles of

mountains, and the way was hard and winding. He was harassed at every turn until finally he was killed. Wondo himself suffered the death of a traitor in a fight after he had drunk much of the white man's firewater. The Great Father of Many Waters was avenged. The murderers of the white doe of Onota were to walk no more.

"Ah, but now our corn grew dry and stunted. A disease ravaged my village. The fierce Mohawks poured into our unhappy valley and killed my people. Some of us fled, but the curse followed us, bringing death.

"Now, I am the last of my people. I have wandered for many moons, alone and desolate. I must wander on, for there is no peace for this old warrior. Oh, Great Lake, The Sacred White Deer of the Onota is gone forever."

The aged red-man pushed his canoe into the darkened water and, dipping the slender paddle softly into the rippling water, he paddled slowly away. His head lay forward on his breast. Gradually he disappeared into the gathering bloom. The night was black, and there was no sound but that of the waves lapping gently on the shore.

FOR SUCH IS BROTHERHOOD

Joanna Camerlengo, '55

When you first meet a person
Don't be too quick to say,
"I couldn't like that person;
"I wish he'd go away!"

Don't judge by what he's wearing,
Or by his race or creed,
And not by his complexion—
Just judge him by his deed.

For you should judge a person
Much as you would a book:
By content, not by cover;
By purpose, not by look.

ME

By Marlene Burns, '55

Bundled in clothing
From head to toe,
She walks through the slush
That once was snow.

In boots and mittens
She trudges along,
Quietly humming
A childish song.

She has not a care
To burden her down;
She now wears a smile
Instead of a frown.

I follow behind,
Puzzled but still,
As the merry child
Walks up the hill.

She seems like someone
I used to know,
Who played with me years
Or ages ago.

The happy tune or
The carefree smile
Tickle my mem'ries
For a short while.

Then I remember
The child I see;
For once that little
One must have been ME!

"COUSIN SUSIE"

By S. Rabiner, '54

Cousin Susie's stingy with her
Belongings, old or new.
She offers a bowl of pop corn
With "Have a lot, take two!"

The Lost Art

By Sonia Kronick '55

SINCE I am always willing to learn something new (except when it comes to a Latin vocabulary or a word list), I agreed to try my luck at bowling. My friend Ann insisted that I had nothing to lose, and she would show me all the necessary fundamentals. I was skeptical of her ability to teach, since she had gone bowling only once before and amassed the sum total of 56 points for three strings. She considered herself a capable instructor, however, and I didn't want to hurt her feelings.

As we approached the alleys, I began to wonder if this was such a good idea after all. But Ann insisted that there was absolutely nothing to it and refused to let me back out now.

She was very explicit in showing me the proper methods and rules of the sport, but something went wrong when I tried it. The first ball I threw went over the side into a little runway near the pins. This was quite an accomplishment, I thought, being able to get the ball into such a narrow space. That, however, is not the object of the game, I was told. I improved on the next two balls, and had just thrown the fourth one when I noticed the pin boy waving frantically at me. "Now, what's the matter with him?" I wondered. This question was solved when Ann informed me that I have only three chances to hit the pins. Isn't that silly? How in the world can I be expected to hit ten pins with only three tries? It's impossible!

Things went a little better after that, but the pinboy seemed to be annoyed with me again. This time he was pointing to a sign on the wall that read, "Don't lob the balls". Whatever that meant, I was sure it didn't concern me.

Ann insisted she knew how to keep score, but I had a total of 47 points in one string, so

something must be wrong. We brought the score sheet to the person in charge of the alleys, and he corrected the mistake. My score was 37. I think I was cheated, though. If I could throw four balls each time, I'm sure I could have gotten 47 points.

No one seems to know the answer to one question that has been bothering me. How many points do I get for hitting a pinboy?

I don't think I'll go bowling again. The people at the alleys made some very unkind remarks as I was leaving. They certainly don't seem to be looking for business with that kind of an attitude, but I'll show them. Someday I'll get more than 100 points in one string. Then, won't they be surprised? Come to think of it, I'll be surprised too.

THE BROOK

By Marilyn Case, '53

In solitude,
Alone, alone,
By mossy banks,
O'er mighty stones;
Merrily flowing
Fast and free,
Beneath the arch
Of a towering tree;
Meandering
Day after day,
When skies are blue
Or when they're grey;
Rippling, rambling
Anywhere,
Not a worry,
Not a care;
Through meadows green,
A woodland glen,
Wandering, wondering
Where the end.

"Easy Money"

By Katy MacCarthy, '54

DO you suddenly find yourself being refused loans for extremely negligible sums of money by your ordinarily reliable little brother? Would your wallet be flat except for the fact that your "rogues gallery" fills it up? In other words, are you financially embarrassed? Take heart, fellow sufferer. Better days are coming. Take the learned advice of one who knows, of one who speaks as an authority on how to earn money painlessly with a minimum of effort.

Next time Mrs. Plushpurse requests your assistance in watching Junior for an evening don't bellow an indignant "No!" into the telephone. Although it defies all better judgment, accept with a smile in your voice. Forget about the incident until you have made an important date on the night Mrs. Plushpurse wanted you. After breaking the date, square your shoulders, count to ten, and set out for your doom. Console yourself by thinking of all the beautiful green "lettuce" you are going to earn. Upon arrival at Plushpurse's fair abode, don't be discouraged if Junior, after one horrified shriek, dives behind his mother. Gently bring him forward, using a club if necessary, and explain in a calm voice that you promise not to bite. Be sure to keep any trace of hysteria from appearing in your voice. After the departure of the parents lock yourself in the kitchen to await the time when Junior's outraged protests cause his collapse. (At this point it is necessary to note that this period may last for five of the five and a half hours you are there). At Junior's eventual silence, reappear and offer the little demon the choice of a story or a TV program. Don't be dismayed when with a gleam in his eyes that denotes no good, he picks the story. Select a book that will further Junior's intellectual development. Here is a list of acceptable volumes: "The Origin of Species" by Charles Darwin;

"The Theory of Relativity" by Albert Einstein; "The Smythe Report." At Junior's outright rejection of any of these, accept his choice. Who knows, you may learn something from "The Little Cowpoke's Handbook."

Three hours and ten stories later try to convince Junior that the time for shut eye has arrived. Here are some effective methods: (1) Sit on his stomach and chloroform him; (2) Get down on your knees and offer him fifty cents if he will go to bed (this one always appeals to his ego); (3) lacking both chloroform and four bits, stuff him in his lily white bed, run from the room, lock the door, and turn on the television so the neighbors will think that the blood curdling screams are a new murder program. Then retire to the den to await the arrival of the Plushpurses. (Note: common sense tells you that hunger will eventually drive them home). When they do appear refrain from salaaming, as it is not a good employer-employee gesture. Accept Mr. Plushpurse's meager seventy-five cents and wait until you are home before you bang your head against a wall. It was an exciting evening, wasn't it?

AFTER THE SHOWER

By Marilyn Case, '53

Rain drops cease to tumble down;
Clouds erase their heavy frown.
They part to let the sun peek through,
And restore the sky to azure blue.
Raindrops shimmer on the green,
Cover the lawn with a silv'ry sheen.
In the puddles on the path
The robins take their daily bath.
The flowers drink their precious rain,
And children return to play again.

Japanese Costume and Dress

By Pat Loach, '54



"GEISHA GIRL"

HERE are four different styles of clothing worn principally in Japan. The first, and the most interesting, is the national dress, called, as you probably know, the "kimono". But there is more to it than just the kimono itself. First is put on an "under" kimono, with a fancy embroidered collar, which shows around the neck. Over this is worn the holiday kimono: bright reds, oranges and pinks for the women and blacks and greys for the men. It is also interesting to note here that pinks and reds are the standard colors for marriages, and white is always worn to funerals, while black seems to be a color worn almost every day. The kimonos are made from simple strips of cloth, and the long, flowing sleeves give a very graceful effect. When worn I have been told—although I have seen no evidence of its being true—that the young men find a girl's long sleeve a very handy place to slip their love-letters! These two coat-like garments are then "hitched" up to the proper length with a piece of string, for they are all made one size. The men simply tie a sash around their waists, but the ladies wind themselves up in

a long, finely embroidered piece of material, about one foot by twelve feet, called an "obi". The obi is then draped over a padding in the small of the back to form a bow effect. The obi is clearly shown in the picture of the "Geisha girl" (dancer and entertainer) above.

The national costume is, of course, worn only on holidays or festivals. For everyday, a more somber and less fancy kimono is worn by most, although in the cities, especially, western dress is very common, and is becoming more so.

In the country villages, men and women tie small scarfs around their heads to shade them from the sun while working, and also from force of habit.

Girls and boys, right from grade school through college, usually wear a uniform. It is blue and white for girls and dark blue for boys, much like our sailor's suits, with caps to match.

One question that has been asked of me quite a few times is how the Japanese ladies get their hair to stand up in that unusual hair style. The answer: they are horse-hair wigs, worn principally by Geisha girls and "Kabuki" players (actors of the ancient "Kabuki" dramas and plays). These are not very common, however, and the ordinary citizens wear their hair much as we do.

Lastly a word about their unusual footwear. The every day shoes, or clogs, are the



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"geta", fashioned of a block of solid wood, with two cloth straps, fastened to the base to hold them on. Through one side goes the big toe; through the other, the rest of the toes. As we have shoes for every occasion, so they have forms of their geta for every occasion. In the summer, the straw "zori" are most comfortable; for winter wear, the wooden getas with the addition of cotton "tabi," or socks. Walking along the street in these resembles the sound of a horse clopping by, and when a crowd throngs the streets, it really gives one the impression that the whole mounted police force has been called out! When rains beat down, out come the specially built rain getas, with water proof toe shields and "high heels", on which they can wade safely through the deepest mud puddle!

SPRING

By Marlene Burns, '55

Peeping 'round the corner,
Glancing every way,
She watched the lonely forest
On the dull March day.

It seemed so very quiet,
Meek and so forlorn,
As Spring peeped 'round the corner
On that dreary morn.

The colors all had faded,
Slowly washed away.
The tired, tiny forest
Wore a cloak of grey.

Spring looked around the corner,
Surveyed the tired hush.
She opened her magic box
And took her magic brush.

Spring splashed the weary forest
And changed its dreary cloak;
Slowly with her magic brush
She lifted winter's yoke.

BEDRIDDEN BLUES

By Bill Ryall, '53

Dear Bob:

The sun is shining;
The sky is clear.
I'm at home,
For vacation's here.

The trouble is
I'm sick in bed;
My eyes are watering
And my nose is red,

In striped pajamas,
With hair a mess,
I'm really a sight
As you can guess!

I've just had a pill
And blown my nose;
Now, here are some more
Of my troubles and woes.

A fever high
A morale that's low;
Some cough medicine
That tastes like dough.

White pills, red pills,
Some that are brown;
Meals which come up
That I want to stay down!

A box of Kleenex
In constant use—
A glass of something
Resembling prune juice.

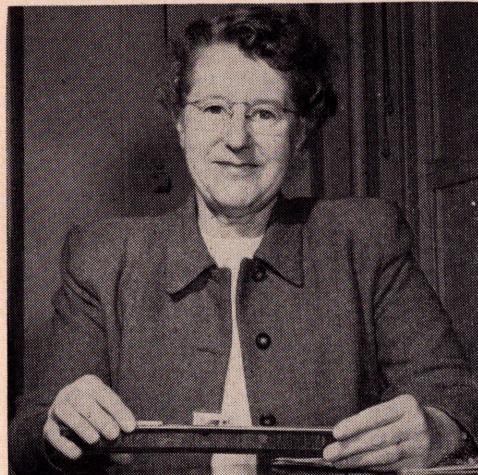
I'm feeling too ill
To write anymore.
Pardon me
If I've been a bore.

Hope you and your family
Are feeling well,

Sincerely yours,
John M. Bell

What's that, Mother?
No, I'm all right.
I'm sure to make
That dance tonight!

CAREER CORNER



MRS. MARION G. MERRY

A MOST important alumna of Pittsfield High School is Mrs. Marion G. Merry of the Power Transformer Engineering Department of the local General Electric Works.

Mrs. Merry took the college preparatory course at Pittsfield High School and after graduation entered the employ of the Telephone Company, where she remained three years.

In the final year of World War I, engineers were scarce, and the General Electric Company decided to try women in the more routine phases of engineering and drafting. It was then that Mrs. Merry began a career which has proved so interesting.

A number of girls were given courses in algebra, physics, drafting, and elementary electricity in preparation for assignments in the engineering and drafting sections. One might say that these first trainees were the forerunners of the present engineering assistants now so widely assigned to the various engineering departments.

After the initial assignment as an engineering assistant Mrs. Merry became an administrative assistant on expense control in the power transformer department and

subsequently for the entire engineering organization. She is now assigned to Dr. Karl B. McEachron's department as an engineering assistant, compiling pertinent technical data and statistics.

Mrs. Merry points out that there are excellent opportunities in the industrial field for a young woman who plans to major in math in college. Upon graduation she might consider entering General Electric's employ as an engineering assistant. She will receive courses in the elements of engineering, physics, and math, and perhaps even transformer design.

Most of us are familiar with General Electric hours, which are eight a. m. to five p. m., but are we aware of the advantages offered to its employees? Mrs. Merry offered an example: "You will meet people from all sections of the country—people who do a variety of things. You are constantly making interesting contacts".

Mrs. Merry also holds another important position. She is director of the General Electric Quarter Century Club, the first woman to hold this position.

A Universal Problem

THE world as we know it today is full of problems, great and small. Investigation reveals that one of our problems has troubled civilization since its very beginning—the problem of prejudice.

Prejudice in its many forms leads one to discriminate unfairly, to judge one race or religion from an intolerant point of view. Often we find ourselves discriminating unjustly in one way or another, perhaps attempting to cover up certain personal weaknesses. As Science Research Associates explains, "Generally prejudice has its roots in social and psychological factors".

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Romulo's Address

By Katharine Maguire, '54

IN the spacious main ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine delegate to the United Nations, addressed more than four thousand student editors who were attending the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention. His inspiring speech brought enthusiastic response from his young audience.

We all fondly recollect instances of our childhood. Let us consider one—the birthday party, an event anticipated with much pleasure by most children. In planning for this happy affair did we ever consider inviting only certain chums, leaving out others who we believed did not measure up to a certain standard? Of course not. At this age we gave no thought to prejudice. But gradually we became suspicious of others, often refusing to associate with some children because they were not accepted by the "gang", perhaps because they did not belong to our church group. It is generally at this point that prejudice appears. The youngster tends to copy the example of the adult or follow the older child in forming his opinions about others, often basing them on no real understanding of facts.

Since we are all guaranteed certain rights, we must not infringe upon the rights of others. Prejudice does just this. It often destroys valuable potential talent and, as a result, causes our nation to be scorned upon for its social and economic barriers. Perhaps most serious of all, it is a deadly influence upon our nation's youth, the backbone of future civilization.

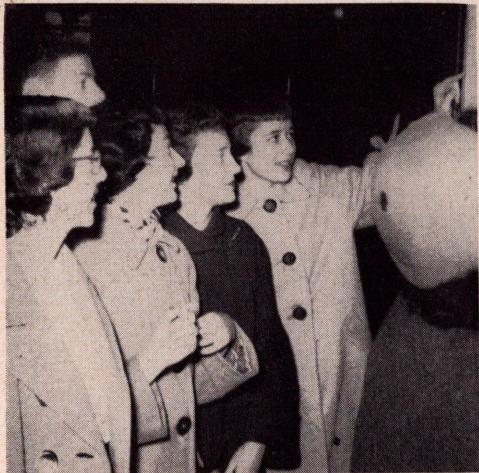
Education is the solution to this problem, a true understanding of the other fellow, an intelligent approach to his way of thinking, his race, and his religion. If we could attain this understanding of others, we would make a great advance toward solving this harassing problem. We must begin by educating ourselves in order to insure a "better, richer society in which all groups of people can live together in harmony".

Today the United Nations is our one big hope for peace of mankind. With unlimited determination its democratic representatives are striving to prevent a third World War. They are fighting today for tomorrow's freedom. While the U. N., a comparatively recent venture, is scorned by some who feel that it is incapable of promoting world peace, it remains to be seen what will be accomplished by this cooperative effort by the nations of the world.

Despite differences in physical characteristics, men all over the world are seeking to realize the same ideals, to assure a safer and happier future. Such concerns are universal. One day, through peace and understanding, the U. N. will demonstrate that "All men are created equal."

The C.S.P.A. Convention

By Kathleen McMahon, '54



Kathy Maquire finds THE PEN listed among first place winners

IT was 7.00 o'clock on a dreary Thursday morning. Six of us straggled into Union Station lugging assorted suitcases. The six, Kathy Maquire, Sandy Rabiner, Mary-Ellen Boland, Kathy McMahon, Dick Moeller and Harold Byrdy, accompanied by our advisers, Miss Haylon and Miss Pfeiffer, were to represent "THE STUDENT'S PEN" at the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in New York City.

Once aboard the train, we were overcome by pangs of hunger. Fortunately, some kind-hearted passengers, bound for the Flower Show, took pity on us and offered various donations from their lunches. These sustained us until we arrived at Grand Central Terminal. After we had registered at the Belmont-Plaza and had eaten a brief, but most welcome lunch, we went to Columbia to attend the afternoon conferences. These conferences included all phases of journalism, and featured many outstanding speakers and special programs.

A slight drizzle had begun in the afternoon but as we made our way to dinner at the Shelton we were soaked by a steady downpour. On the menu we found a rare and exotic dish, "Farm Fresh Fowl in the Pot," which was thoroughly enjoyed by one member of our party. To complete an eventful day, we attended "Guys and Dolls" at the 46th Street Theatre.

On Friday morning, following a delicious breakfast at the Waldorf, we rushed to Columbia, where the ratings of the student publications were posted on a large bulletin board. "THE STUDENT'S PEN" had been true to form and won first place again! We spent the rest of the day at Columbia, attending various conferences. Next on the program was a very palatable seafood dinner at the Gloucester House, famous for its "down East" atmosphere. We reached the Winter Garden and arranged ourselves in our second tier boxes just in time to see the curtain rise on Rosalind Russell in "Wonderful Town", a fabulous show in which Miss Russell is a smash hit. After the performance we strolled around Times Square before returning to the Belmont.

We enjoyed the unaccustomed luxury of sleeping till 11.00 o'clock on Saturday morning. At 11.30, decked out in our best and wearing lovely corsages sent to us by the Senior Class, we rushed to the main ballroom of the Waldorf in order to ensure our getting good seats for the banquet which was to begin at 12.30. The main ballroom, the two balconies and the six adjoining dining rooms were filled with more than four thousand student editors from all over the country. As a fitting climax to the banquet a huge birthday cake lit with numerous candles was carried through the darkened ballroom

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Mary Ellen, Sandra, Kathleen, and Kathy examine school publications of other schools

in honor of C.S.P.A.'s twenty-ninth anniversary. The featured speaker was General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine delegate to the United Nations. Miss Sarah Churchill was a guest of honor.

After the luncheon the rest of the afternoon was ours, to do with as we pleased. We shopped on Fifth Avenue, splurging on such momentous articles as flowers and scarfs. Saturday evening we saw two shows, "Lucky Strike Hit Parade" and "Twenty Questions" on television and radio.

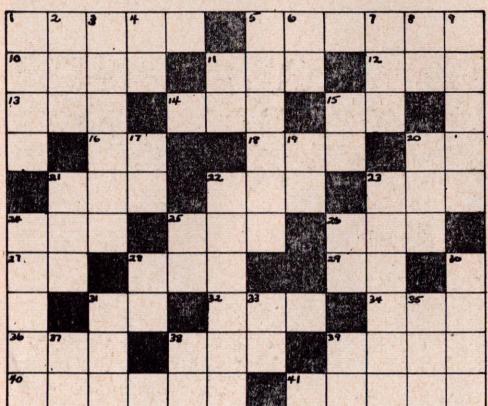
Sunday morning saw some of us at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We breakfasted at the Waldorf, then hurried to Grand Central to catch the 12.00 o'clock train to Albany. At about six o'clock we arrived in Pittsfield, very tired but very happy.

Our advisers, Miss Haylon and Miss Pfeiffer, did an excellent job of escorting our delegation to New York, and also of hiding their amazement at our insatiable appetites.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Berkshire Evening Eagle for sponsoring our trip to this year's C.S.P.A. Convention.

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

By Philip Pryde, '53



DEFINITIONS

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WHO'S WHO



CO-CHAIRMEN

Here are two juniors, co-chairmen of that big event, the Junior Prom. They are Barbara Keeler and Jimmy D'itello. Barbara is a member of Delta Tri-Hi-Y and bowls for the school. Her favorite food is pizza while dancing is her favorite pastime. In baseball the Braves are her favorite team. (Will she switch her affections to Milwaukee?)

Jimmy is President of Hi-Y, co-captain of the 1954 football team, and a member of the United Student's Fund. Jimmy's favorite foods are ravioli and pizza. Music and sports are his favorite pastimes. Jimmy's pet peeve is to be bothered when eating.

"POKER FACE"

A senior known by every student in P.H.S. is Woody Morgan, whose coolness and poise on the basketball court have earned him his nickname. Woody was one of the mainstays on the team and certainly a big factor in making the past season such a successful one. Besides his basketball activities, Woody is a member of the Senior Class council. His favorite food is "the steaks at the Rosa".

After graduation, Woody plans to attend college, but he's undecided as to what his choice will be.

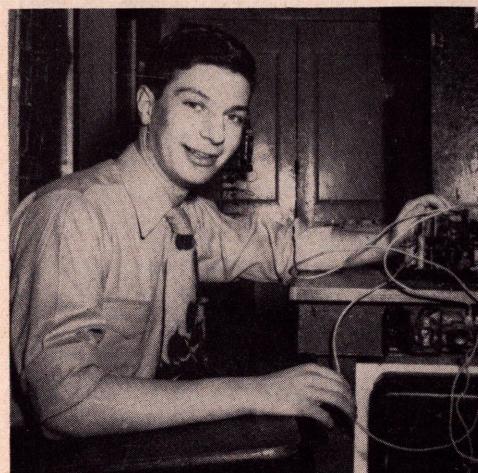


TECH STUDENT

Presenting Mark Alimansky, the versatile senior who writes the "Tech" column for THE PEN. Mark also lends his talents to both mixed and boys' glee clubs, and the band, where he plays the clarinet. This year he is a member of the cast of the Senior play, as well as Who's Who editor of the year book.

Being an amiable character, Mark has no pet peeves, and his choice of food includes "anything eatable". In his spare time he works at his hobby—electronics.

Mark's ambition is to be a chemical engineer, a goal we are sure he will attain. Good luck!



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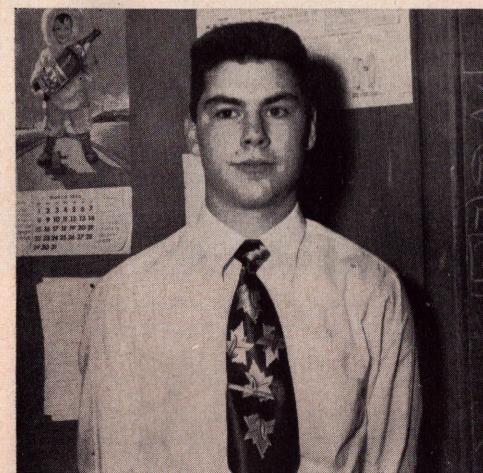
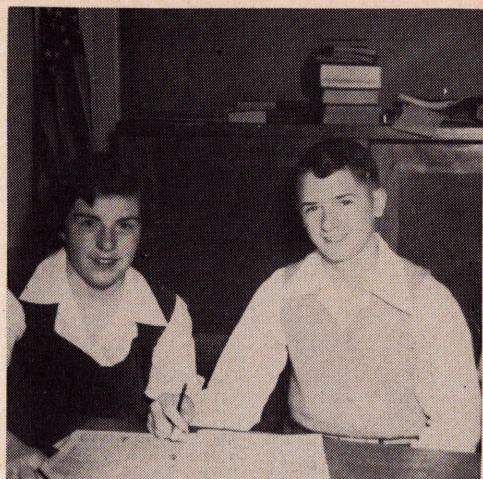
CO-EDITORS

May we present Judy Larkin and Louis Marks, the sports editors of THE STUDENT'S PEN and the yearbook.

Judy is an active member of the Phi-Hi-Y and the Mt. Greylock Ski Club. Louis is home-room representative and stage manager of the senior play.

Judy, naturally, enjoys all sports. Skiing and camping she lists as favorite pastimes. Louis loves to play baseball and basketball, watch P.H.S. basketball games, and dance.

Both have plans for college next year. Louis wants to be an electrical engineer or a nuclear physicist. Good luck to them both.

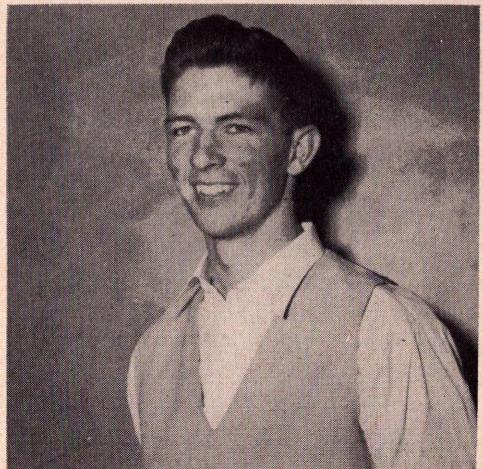


BASKETBALL STAR

Meet the key figure in many of our victories—Tommy Murphy. A senior, Tom likes basketball better than any other sport.

Like all of us, he has his likes and dislikes. His favorite subjects are math and chemistry. Good old Irish stew is tops on his list of foods. His spare time is spent contemplating the chances his favorite team, the Red Sox, have of another pennant. His one peeve seems to be "officials who lack good eyesight".

Tom hopes to attend prep school after graduation. We wish him all the luck in the world.





SENIOR PLAY CAST

1st Row—James Ball, Mary Gelinas, Leonard Lipshitz, Shirley Hunt, Leonard Yon, Judith Wilder, George Rosa
 2nd Row—Bill Ryall, Marilyn Bergain, Bradley Bowers, Dolores Barea, Jeffrey Burrows, Sally Groves, Mark Alimansky, Elizabeth Mills, Donald Roche

"BEST FOOT FORWARD"

The boys at Winsocki Prep are making frenzied preparations to receive the girls who are coming up for the big annual dance. In the midst of the crackling lines and humorous discussion of dates comes Bud Hooper, who is plenty gloomy. His roommates finally find out the trouble. A month ago when they went to see a movie starring Gale Joy—the wham girl—the trouble started. Bud got carried away and he wrote the movie star, asking her to come to the prom. And she accepts! (They don't know how she needs a publicity break!) Bud has hastily written his regular date, Helen, that he has had an attack of the gripe and he expects to have it until after the dance. So that the faculty won't get angry, however, Bud tries to take the publicity-needing Gale Joy to the dance as his girl Helen—and then Helen arrives!

Bud gets deeper and deeper into trouble, and the final happy solution that saves Bud from being expelled makes this what we firmly believe is the finest youthful comedy Broadway has ever made available to amateurs.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Dutch Miller, Wallace W. Ryall; *Hunk Hoyt*, B. Bradley Bowers; *Satchel Moyer*, James H. Ball; *Chuck Green*, George J. Rosa; *Dr. Reeber*, Donald W. Roche; *Old Grad*, Robert S. Schwager; *Minerva*, Mary I. Gelinas; *Ethel*, Dolores J. Barea; *Miss Delaware Water Gap*, Elizabeth A. Mills; *The Blind Date*, Sally L. Groves; *Bud Hooper*, Leonard S. Lipschitz; *Professor Lloyd*, Leonard M. Yon; *Gale Joy*, Marilyn P. Bergain; *Jack Haggerty*, Jeffrey L. Burrows; *Chester Billings*, Mark Alimansky; *Helen Schlessinger*, Shirley F. Hunt; *Miss Smith*, Judith Wilder.



PLAY COMMITTEES

1st Row—Ilona Massery, Marcia Dadley, Mary Ellen Boland, Judith Wilder, Emily Briggs, William Keenan, Josephine Costello
 2nd Row—Louis Marks, Barbara Limont, William Brazil, Claire Allesio, Shirley Harris

Miss Marcia J. Dadley and William J. Brazil Jr. have been named chairmen of arrangements for the Pittsfield High School senior class play by Miss Helene M. Millet, class adviser.

Committees for the production follow: Stage crew, Louis W. Marks, chairman, Lawrence A. Bossidy, Harold S. Byrdy, Anthony G. Cancilla, Charles P. Garivaltis, Alan Katz, Arthur N. Mindlin, James F. Pelky, Jack A. Vincent and Donald L. Willbrant; prompters, Miss Grace M. Hashim and Miss Patricia A. Noon; publicity, Miss Mary Ellen Boland, chairman, Miss Karen F. Handler, Miss Carolyn Gilbert, Bernard Esterman and Charles C. Jacob.

Also, programs, Miss Josephine C. Costello, chairman, Miss Carmelina J. Noto and Miss Elaine J. Soldato; properties, the Misses Claire C. Allesio and Barbara T. Limont, chairmen, Jean M. Barriere, Marcia Fink, Carole L. Haskins, Jeanne F. Mahoney and Marjorie D. Malnati; lights, Gordon H. Shepardson; and invitations, Miss Frances A. Cusato, chairman, Miss Rosemary E. Mason, Miss Jean A. Munro and Miss Jane Whiting.

The ticket committee is headed by the Misses Shirley J. Harris and Judith Wilder. Assisting them are Charles F. Alberti, Thomas L. Bossidy, Robert Chiacchiaretto, Myles R. Doherty, Bernard Dunn, Ronald W. Hebert, Kenneth O. Lussier, Bernard J. Savory, James A. Young and the Misses Laura E. Altobelli, Deborah Chamberlain, Grace L. Henderson, Mildred L. Jenks, Sara F. Morgan, Mary Beth O'Brien, Margaret F. Rennie, Eleanor F. Rivard, Frances M. Staples and Elizabeth A. Wich.



Lynn Thompson is a member of the junior class at Bouve-Boston School, Tufts College. Lynn has been named to the Tufts College cheering squad. She also is a member of dormitory field hockey team and the swimming club at Bouve-Boston. She was recently chairman of the stuffed animal pet show sponsored by the student fellowship of which she is vice-president. Lynn is doing her practice teaching at Winsor School, Boston.

Richard Shook has entered his junior year at Bentley College, Boston.

Carl Lunde has been elected president of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at the Pennsylvania State College. A junior, Carl is majoring in industrial psychology. He is a midshipman in the NROTC and is a member of the Quarterdeck Society, an honorary society for midshipmen who have attained scholastic achievements in naval science subjects. He is the Society's corresponding secretary.

Donald Gilchrest has been elected recording secretary of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Donald is a junior in the institute's electrical engineering department.

Sandra Schwartz has entered her junior year at Bridgewater State Teachers' College.

Joseph Principe was elected to the Rho Chi honor society at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The election was based on "outstanding scholarships and sterling character." Joseph is in the junior class.

David Silvernail has been elected vice-president of the Student Council at Purdue University. A senior in the school of air transportation, David is a member of Acadia fraternity.

Rita Goldstein is now in her junior year at Skidmore College.

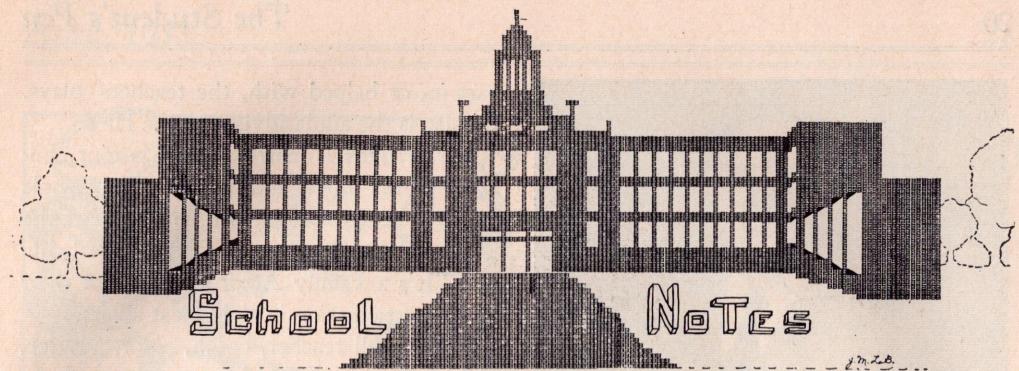
Alan Cooley recently graduated from the Manhattan School of Nursing. Alan has won the Harry Hayes award for scholastic achievement for the senior class. He has accepted a position as staff nurse at Manhattan State Hospital and assumed his new duties immediately after graduating.

In training at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing are Annette Monks, Mary Lou Moser, Margaret Navin, Gilda De Fazio, Mary Henriques and Jean Pratt.

Richard Gagnon, Donald Gilchrest, and Charles Holleran, students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, were named to Tau Beta Pi honorary society, one of the highest honors bestowed upon undergraduate engineering students. The new members had to possess outstanding scholastic records, and personal and social qualities attributed to leaders.

Anthony Shannon was named to the Dean's list at the University of Maine.

Private Dominic Maffuccio has been graduated from the Ammunition Supply Specialist School of the Ordnance Replacement Training Center at Aberdeen, Maryland.



Mary Bolotin, Diane Byrne, Mary Ann Carity, Susan Connors, Albert Desrosiers, Eleanor Farrell, Sonia Kronick, Marcia Lipsey, Katy MacCarthy, Elfrieda Pierce, Joanne Ruberto, Sandra Sable, Myron Schwager, Robert Snow, Betty Thacker, Madeline Tini, Pat Whalen, Holly Fall.

TRI-HI-Y

Zeta had Pittsfield police matron, Miss Bessie Egan, as their guest speaker the first of March. She talked about some of her experiences. The girls are discussing plans for a cake sale sometime in April.

Beta is planning to have a social in April for "April Fool's Day". Mrs. Preble spoke to the girls in March.

Sigma had a swimming party in February. They hope to have a cake sale in April, and the girls are planning to have a discussion with Hi-Y.

Delta had a social during the February vacation. The first of March they had a discussion with Hi-Y. They are planning to have some speakers in the near future.

Alpha had a social in February. They had an Avon representative and a florist give talks, and they also had a travelogue movie.

Gamma is now getting ready for their dance, "Spring Swing" which will be held April 22. The dance is going to be held at the Stanley Club. In March they had a speaker who told of his travels around the world.

All of the six clubs sent girls to the Tri-Hi-Y Conference in Rhode Island the first of March where the girls had an enjoyable and interesting time.

BAND

On Friday evening, May 15, the band will hold its annual concert. This is to be one of the series of three concerts presented by the music department. On May 16, the band will travel to Turners Falls to participate in the Western Massachusetts Music Festival. Its final appearance in May will be the Memorial Day Parade.

TECHNICAL NEWS

Dick Riseberg, the sophomore class editor, reports that the class has heard lectures on weather interpretation and expansion of liquids, solids and gases. A very interesting talk on the transfer of heat from one substance to another was given in February. The class was shown many instruments from which the speed and amount of heat transferred is determined.

The senior class has heard many speakers during the past few months. Some of the subjects covered have been factory maintenance by Mr. William Atkinson and Mr. W. M. Pafenbach; the work of a mathematician in the modern factory by F. E. Satterthwaite; and the work of G. E.'s high voltage laboratory by Dr. T. W. Liao and Mr. J. G. Anderson. The lecture on lightning was accompanied by slides and a small scale demonstration. Mr. Anderson told the class the history of man's experience with lightning. He and Dr. Liao then showed slides of the applications of research in lightning.



MEET THE FACULTY

THE STUDENT'S PEN this month salutes Mr. Granville Pruyne, another popular member of the P.H.S. faculty.

Mr. Pruyne graduated from P.H.S. and continued his education at the University of Massachusetts, where he obtained his B.S. degree. While at college, he was very active in sports and was captain of the track and relay teams. He taught for several years before he became a foreman for the General Electric Co. He left G. E. five years ago to return to his former profession and has been teaching at P.H.S. for two years.

Instruction in advanced general science, math, and electrical theory provides Mr. Pruyne with a busy schedule. He says that he teaches all grades and classes—from Technical boys to Household Arts girls.

After school hours Mr. Pruyne coaches soccer at Cranwell and hockey here at the high school... "whenever we have ice". The excellent record of both teams proves his ability as an athletic instructor. Golf is his favorite sport and here he shows skill, as his score is usually in the upper 70's. The Red Sox are his favorite baseball team, but he says that any club is all right with him except "those Yankees!"

Besides sports, Mr. Pruyne is a member of the Pittsfield Town Players; he has also taken

part in, or helped with, the teachers' plays. He also is the adult advisor to the Hi-Y.

Mr. Pruyne is married and has four children—three boys and a girl. The whole family recently was chosen to represent the theme of the Community Chest annual dinner, "It's a Family Affair", because of their active participation in the Chest affairs.

To a swell teacher, coach, actor, advisor, and family man, we wish to express our hope for a prosperous future.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENGINEERING

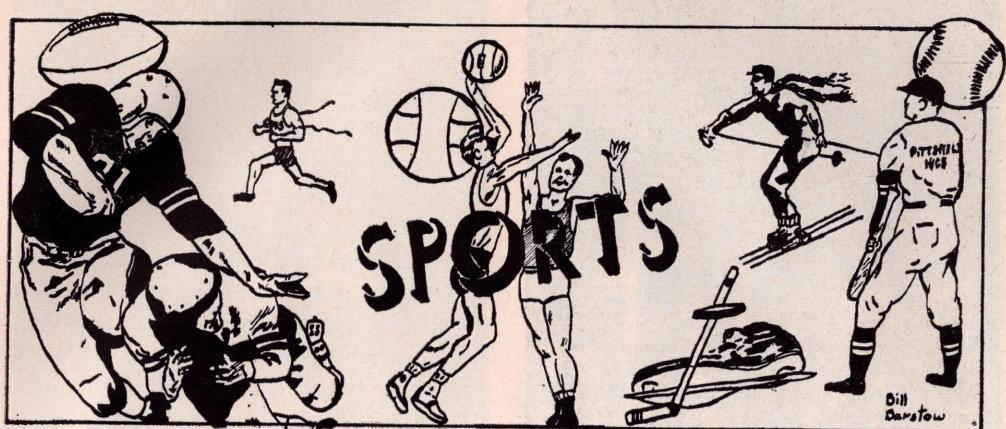
An engineering panel for high school students of Berkshire County was held at the WBRK Auditorium in February. The purpose of this panel was to give them a better understanding of the engineer and his work and to interest high school students in engineering. The panel was composed of experts from almost every branch of engineering.

Prior to the meeting, interested students in the high schools of Berkshire County had submitted questions on engineering and engineering careers. These were presented to the panel during the question and answer period, when Jim Ball represented P.H.S.

Here is a short summary of the panel's answers:

1. There is a very great shortage of engineers. The shortage will exist for several years. There will not be an over-supply of engineers in the foreseeable future.
2. There are tremendous opportunities in the technical fields. For example, one third of the presidents of large companies in this country are engineers.
3. In choosing a college, examine the faculty and laboratories. They are very important. The panel agreed that the most important subjects are English and mathematics.
4. Success in engineering requires an aptitude for scientific and technical matters, the ability to analyze and concentrate, and a desire to work hard.

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PITTSFIELD OVERWHELMEDS WILLIAMSTOWN 77-49

By Art Johnson, '53

Led by the high scoring of Larry Bossidy, Pittsfield High came from behind at the end of the first half to defeat Williamstown High by the score of 77-49 at Williamstown on January 27. Pittsfield scored 59 points in the second half. Bossidy led Pittsfield in scoring with 30 points. He scored 21 of these points in the second half.

Woody Morgan was second highest scorer for Pittsfield with 13 points. Ed Kelly was third with 12 points.

Sylvester was high-scorer for Williams town with 10 points. He was followed by Jack Hewitt with nine points.

PITTSFIELD WALLOPS DALTON 73-47

By Art Johnson, '53

By soundly trouncing Dalton High at Dalton on February 3, Pittsfield High stayed close behind league-leading Adams in the Northern Berkshire race. Larry Bossidy starred for P.H.S. as he scored 21 points. Larry and Woody Morgan were successful in penetrating Dalton's defense and they repeatedly broke up the offensive plays of Dalton. Morgan was runner-up in the Pittsfield scoring column with 19 points. He was

followed by center Tom Murphy, who scored 12 points. Joey Rivers led Dalton in scoring with 12 points.

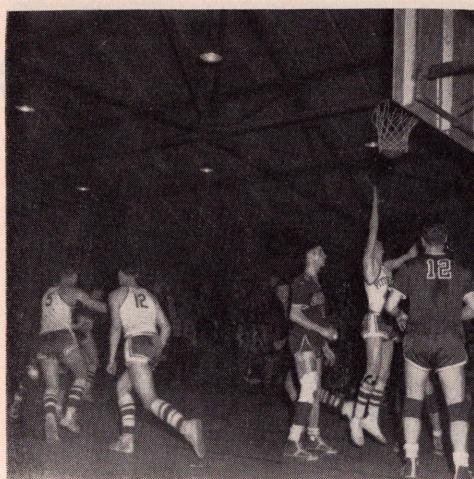
The game started off as if Dalton was going to give the Foxmen a very rough time. Pittsfield led only 12-8 at the end of the first period and halfway through the second quarter the score was 18-18. But Pittsfield started to roll and led 33-24 at halftime. Dalton was never in the second half as Pittsfield turned on the steam and ran away with the contest. At one time the Foxmen led by 33 points, but had to settle for a mere 26-point victory, 73-47.

PITTSFIELD ROUTS ST. JOE (N.A.)

By Louis Marks, '53

Ever-improving Pittsfield High was Goliath-like in the eyes of little St. Joe of North Adams at the Armory February 6 as the Foxmen annihilated the St. Joe quintet 93-44.

All 12 Foxmen saw action in the rout, and each player scored at least one basket. Larry Bossidy and Tom Murphy, playing only half the game, led Pittsfield with 16 and 13 points respectively. Don Kessler was next with ten points. Woody Morgan, Jim Pelkey, Jack Thompson and Dick La Rouche followed with eight points apiece. John Law led the losers with 16 points.



Powers scores against Drury as Murphy (12) and Morgan (5) go up court

P.H.S. DOWNS DRURY 54-44

By Arthur Johnson, '53

In a victory, not too convincing but very acceptable to P.H.S. rooters, Pittsfield High tied Adams for first place by defeating Drury 54-44 February 11 at the Armory.

Larry Bossidy led Pittsfield by scoring 17 points. Woody Morgan, playing his usual dazzling floor game, scored 14 points. Jim Pelkey played a brilliant floor game and had six assists. Ed Kelly was next in scoring with eight points. Jerry Schmidt led Drury with 19 points.

The Foxmen started off slowly as they trailed for most of the opening period but led 13-11 at its conclusion. Pittsfield began to roll in the next quarter behind Bossidy and Morgan, and the Foxmen led 27-17 at half time. In the third quarter, the Foxmen pulled further ahead sparked by Powers and Morgan, and led 43-30 at the end of that period. However, in the last stanza, Pittsfield's shooting was off and Drury began to close the gap. With two minutes to go, and the score 47-44, Pittsfield, Tom Murphy made good a foul shot, and then Ed Kelly hit for three straight baskets to become the "Man of the Hour" and to give Pittsfield a 54-44 victory.

PITTSFIELD TROUNCES ST. JOSEPH'S 67-50

By Louis Marks, '53

Although Pittsfield High came out of February 13's game at the Armory with a very convincing 67-50 conquest of rival St. Joseph's, even the losers were happy in their own way. Pittsfield was overjoyed at the showing of their heroes from under the P.H.S. dome, while the St. Joe rooters were thrilled by the performance of lanky Pat Robinson who threw in 27 points to set a season's scoring record with 285 points. P.H.S. takes this opportunity again to congratulate Pat for this outstanding accomplishment.

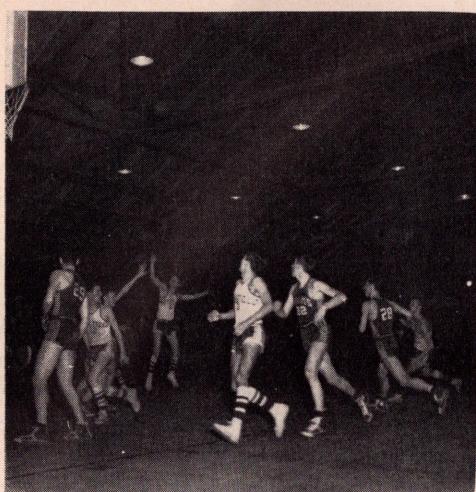
Larry Bossidy, hitting with uncanny accuracy for 27 points and playing a tremendous floor game; Woody Morgan, playing his most spectacular game and scoring 15 points; and Tom Murphy, rebounding magnificently and scoring 13 points, were the heroes of the game for the winning cause.

PITTSFIELD EDGES ADAMS 70-65

By Louis Marks, '53

Looking at Adams in second place instead of first place for the first time this year, Pittsfield High's basketball team breathed a sigh of relief after a thrilling 70-65 overtime victory over Adams at the Armory February 18. The victory just about clinched the Northern Berkshire Championship for Pittsfield with only one game remaining.

Sparked by Larry Bossidy and Ed Kelly, Pittsfield fought back from a 32-22 halftime deficit to a game ending tie and ultimate victory in the three minute overtime in what was termed as the game of the year, if not in Berkshire County basketball history. As for the hero of the game, he would be hard to pick. Anyone could say Bossidy or Kelly, but who could overlook Morgan, Murphy or Powers? To say no more, the Pittsfield team was the hero of the night. Bossidy, shooting and rebounding tremendously, led the Foxmen with 22 points. Morgan, playing



Morgan shoots, Kelly (6) and Murphy (12) follow the play

one of his most spectacular contests of the season, scored 15 points. Murphy, rebounding as never before, and Kelly and Powers, playing outstanding floor games, scored 14, 12, and seven points respectively. Bucky Adamczyk was outstanding for Adams and netted 19 points.

PITTSFIELD BEATS WILLIAMSTOWN 63-51

By Art Johnson, '53

Pittsfield High defeated Williamstown High at the State Armory on February 20. By handing out this loss to the Collegetown team, Pittsfield clinched the Northern Berkshire League Championship. Larry Bossidy led his teammates to the 63-51 victory by scoring 19 points. Woody Morgan playing a sparkling floor game, led the Purple Hoopsters with seven assists. Jimmy Pelkey played an outstanding game. He scored 12 points and had six assists.

Tommy Murphy scored thirteen points to become runner-up in the scoring. He was followed by Morgan, who netted eleven.

High scorers for Williamstown were Fred Lafave and Allen Weyers, who each had twelve points.

Coach Ed Hickey's Pittsfield Jayvees won the Northern Berkshire JV crown by defeating the Collegetown JVs in the preliminary. The score was 59-36. Dick Chapman poured in 28 points for the winners.

CATHEDRAL OVERWHELMED PITTSTFIELD

By Louis Marks, '53

Hard-driving Cathedral High of Springfield, hitting for a basket almost every time they threw the ball in the general direction of the hoop, handily defeated our heroes from under the East Street dome in the opening round of the Western Mass. Tournament at Springfield March 10 by the score of 75-57.

The shooting of Cathedral was spectacular, as the 74 points will attest to. It seemed that every time a Cathedral man shot, the ball went cleanly through the hoop. When the ball didn't zip through, Cathedral, with its great height advantage, rebounded until the ball did go in. The way Cathedral was shooting that night, they could have beaten anyone. On the bright side for Pittsfield was the marvelous play of Larry Bossidy. Larry played his heart out as he rebounded and



Murphy (12) scores against Cathedral on an assist from Bossidy (9)

shot spectacularly. He scored 21 points. Woody Morgan played a tremendous floor game and scored 12 points.

FINALE

We would like to congratulate Adams on their winning the Western Mass. Tournament. As this will go to press before Adams goes to Boston, Pittsfield High takes this time to wish Adams all the luck in the world at Boston.

To this date, Pittsfield has been doing tremendously well on all star team selections. Larry Bossidy and Woody Morgan have both been selected on the All Berkshire teams picked by the Berkshire County coaches and also by the Springfield Republican. Tom Murphy was selected for the second team by both of these organizations. Ed Kelly received honorable mention by the Springfield paper. Bobby Powers was selected on the Little All Western Mass. Team. Larry Bossidy made the first team and Woody Morgan the second on the Eagle's All Berkshire team.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle



LEE WINS THE COUNTY TITLE

By Louis Marks, '53

In one of the most exciting and hard-fought Berkshire County Championship series, perky Lee High, after losing the opening game, won the second game quite handily, and then rallied to take the wild final contest in the last thirty seconds to upset slightly favored Pittsfield for the crown.

Larry Bossidy was the leading scorer in the three games with 56 points. Pete Scolforo of Lee was second with 39 points. Woody Morgan, next with 35 points, also had the amazing total of 22 assists.

The first game, which was played at the Armory March 1, was a squeaker until the last four minutes when Pittsfield pulled away to win 60-52. Larry Bossidy, Woody Morgan, and Tom Murphy led the Foxmen with 20, 13, and 11 points respectively. Woddy, playing a spectacular floor game, set a play-off record with ten assists.

The second contest, played at Lee on March 3, proved to be the opposite of the first game. Pittsfield tried everything, but couldn't overcome Lee, and Coach Consolati's boys walked off the floor with a decisive 55-47 victory. Scolforo led Lee with 21 points. Bossidy and Morgan, playing outstanding games, led the Foxmen with 17 and 19 points respectively.

In the leading game for the title, Lee proved, to the very great disappointment of P.H.S. rooters, what a team can do in thirty seconds of a basketball game. In the last half-minute, Lee scored three consecutive baskets to come from behind and hand the Foxmen a very heart breaking 49-45 defeat at Lee March 17.

Larry Bossidy played a marvelous game, abounding superbly and scoring 19 points. Bobby Powers was next in scoring for the Foxmen with seven points. Woody Morgan scored only three points but played an outstanding floor game with eight assists.

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GYM EXHIBITION

Practice for the gym exhibition makes the girls' gym a busy place these days. To be held the evening of May 8th in the Pittsfield High School auditorium, the event will include numbers by both the boys and girls physical education departments. The girls will participate in four numbers as follows:

1. Easter Fantasy
 - a. Easter eggs
 - b. Easter bunnies
 - c. Easter bonnets
2. Show Boat (music by Jerome Kern)
 - a. Wharf hands
 - b. Tumbling
 - c. Belles and Beaus
3. A Day at Air Hostess School
 - a. Marching
 - b. Exercises
 - c. Military Tap
4. Garden in the Moonlight
 - a. Twinlkling stars
 - b. Shadows
 - c. Flowers

LIMONT'S LEMONS

The old claim that lemons are sour was refuted, at least as far as basketball is concerned, when Limont's Lemons won the

Round-Robin tournament with an exhibition of fine playing. By defeating all their opponents, the Lemons became the undisputed winners of the tournament and are entitled to a set of numerals. With Barb Limont as their able coach, the members of the winning team included Sandy Zorbo, Barbara Dellert, Peggy Terpak, Ellen Provenzano, Martha Lepp, Barbara Calebaugh, and Dorothy Clark.

Several of the other teams followed close behind the Lemons, but, whether on a winning or losing team, the players have described this year's tournament as one of the best ever held.

PING-PONG

Calling all ping-pong enthusiasts! Something new has been initiated for you this year. In the lull between the interclass basketball tournament and the badminton tournament, there will be a ping-pong tournament conducted by two ambitious seniors, Lorita Calderella and Barbara Limont. Quite a few girls have already indicated a desire to play in this tournament, but undoubtedly there are many others who will want to participate when they hear about all the fun Barb and Lorita are planning. Better brush up on your ping-pong and enter the competition.

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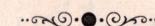
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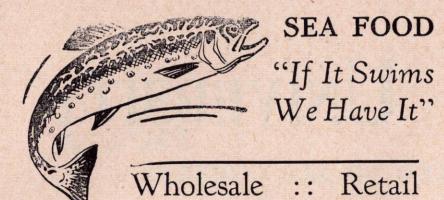
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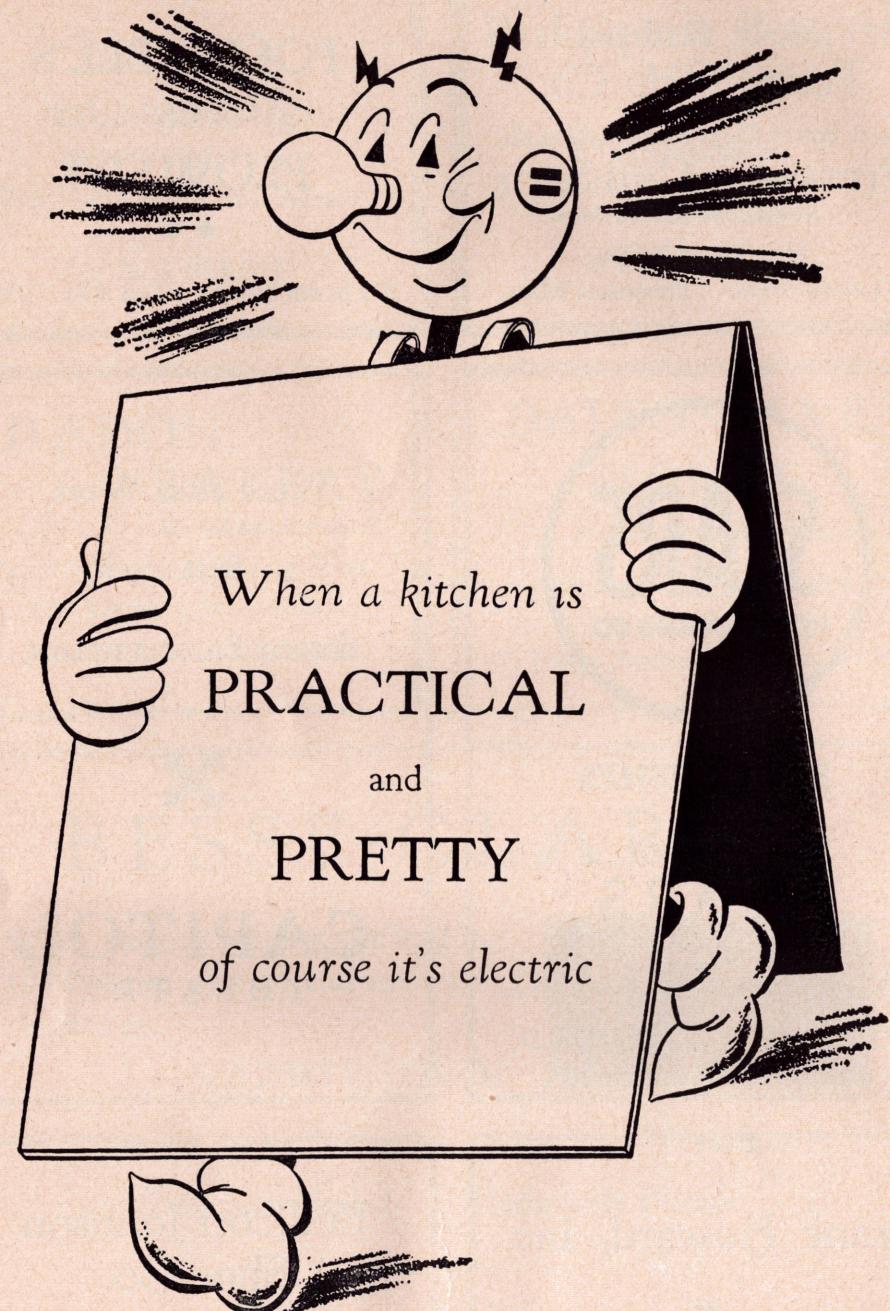


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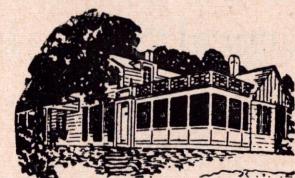
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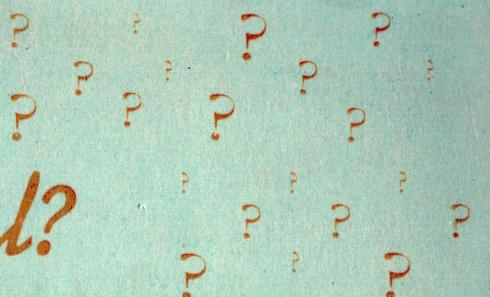
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